

Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, before the section labeled “TECHNICAL FIELD”:

This application is a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/US03/25027, entitled “Detection of Evolutionary Bottlenecking by DNA Sequencing as a Method to Discover Genes of Agronomic Value,” filed August 8, 2003, which claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 60/402,340, entitled “Detection of Evolutionary Bottlenecking by DNA Sequencing as a Method to Discover Genes of Agronomic Value,” filed August 8, 2002.